

Psammodromus algius

Taxonomic Authority: (Linnaeus, 1758)

Synonyms:

Region: 7

Common Names:

Large Psammodromus	English
Lagartija Colilarga	Spanish
Algerischer Sandläufer	German
psammodromo algerino	Italian

Family: Lacertidae

Order: Sauria

Notes on taxonomy:

General Information

Biome Terrestrial Freshwater Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This species is found in Portugal and Spain (generally absent from the Cantabrian region), southern France (as far east as the Rhone Delta), Conigli island near Lampedusa island (Italy), northern Tunisia, northern Algeria and northern and central Morocco. It occurs from sea level up to 2,600m asl.

Habitat and Ecology Information:

This species is found in dense bushes and shrubland, in open or degraded woodland areas, pine forests and eucalyptus plantations, coastal dunes and beaches. It also occurs in rural gardens and in some agricultural areas. Females lay between eight and 11 eggs.

Conservation Measures:

This species is listed on Annex II of the Bern Convention. It occurs in a number of protected areas.

Threats:

This main threat to this species appears to be the clearance of ground cover for conversion to agricultural use and urbanisation, leading to the fragmentation of local populations, but overall this species is not significantly threatened.

Species population information:

It is an abundant species.

Country Distribution

	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Algeria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
France	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morocco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portugal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tunisia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FAO Marine Habitats

Native - Presence Confirmed Native - Presence Possible Extinct Reintroduced Introduced

Major Lakes

Major Rivers

Upper Level Habitat Preferences

	Score
1.4 Forest - Temperate	1
3.8 Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation	1
10.2 Coastline - Sand, Shingle or Pebble Shores (incl. sand bars, spits, sandy islets, dune systems)	1
11.1 Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	2
11.2 Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	2
11.3 Artificial/Terrestrial - Plantations	2
11.4 Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	2

Lower Level Habitat Preferences

Score

Major threats

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1	Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1	Crops	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Conservation Measures

Code	Conservation measures	In place	Needed
1	Policy-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1	Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.1.1.3 Agro-industry farming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1.1 International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1.4 Livestock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1.2 National level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1.4.3 Agro-industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2 Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Infrastructure development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2.1 International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4.2 Human settlement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 Habitat and site-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				4.1 Maintenance/Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				4.4 Protected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				4.4.2 Establishment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				4.4.3 Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Utilisation of Species

Purpose/Type of Use	Subsistence	National	International	Other purpose:
Primary forms removed from the wild	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25% <i>Other forms removed from the wild:</i>
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25% <i>Other source of specimens:</i>

Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to total wild population numbers over last five years:

Trend in offtake/harvest produced through domestication/cultivation over last five years:

CITES:

Red Listing

Red List Assessment: Least Concern (LC) Possibly Extinct

Red List Criteria:

Rationale for the Red List Assessment: Listed as Least Concern in view of its wide distribution, tolerance of a broad range of habitats, presumed large population, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

Current Population Trend: Stable

Date of Assessment: 12/17/2004

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Notes on Red listing:

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